



IFW

**In the United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Applicants:	Maris Vistins et al.	Docket No.:	19395
Serial No.:	10/606,616	Group:	3765
Confirmation No:	4912	Examiner:	Katherine M. Moran
Filed:	June 26, 2003		
For:	Polyvinyl Chloride Article Having Improved Durability		

**Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) (1)  
Before Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance  
Certification Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) - Items Contained In a Search Report**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the hereinafter disclosed documents.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

A filled-in modified PTO-1449 form listing all of the documents cited in this Statement and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

The undersigned may be reached at: (770) 587-8606.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIS VISTINS ET AL.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vincent T. Kung

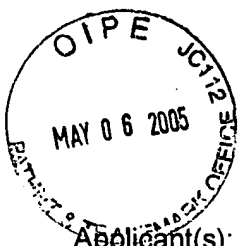
Registration No.: 45,797

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Laura L. Rubino, hereby certify that on May 2, 2005 this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Laura L. Rubino

**List of Patents and Publications for Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant(s): Maris Vistins et al.  
Serial No.: 10/606,616  
Filed: June 26, 2003

Docket: 19395  
Group: 3765  
Examiner: Katherine M. Moran

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Initials		Doc. No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date	
	A1	3,117,341	1/14/1964	Abildgaard et al.				
	A2	5,935,164	8/10/1999	Iversen				
	A3	6,344,163	2/5/2002	Ashley				
	A4	2002/076503	6/20/2002	Borreani et al.				
	A5							
Foreign Patent Documents								
Initials		Doc. No.	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Trans.	
	A1	DE 4444800	6/27/1996	DE see English Abstract in counterpart WO 96/18485			Yes	No
	A2	EP 0416846	3/13/1991	EP				
	A3	GB 911654	11/28/1962	GB				
	A4	GB 1365626	9/4/1974	GB				
	A5	WO 96/39055	12/12/1996	WO-PCT				
	A6	WO 03/034012	4/24/2003	WO-PCT				
Other Documents								
Initials		Author, Title, Date, Pages, etc.						
	A1							

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with your next communication.

Examiner:

Date Considered: